

HEADQUARTER'S DISPENSARY
2677th REGIMENT OSS (PROV)
COMPANY B

October 30, 1944

SUBJECT: Operational Medical Supplies for
Company D, Siena

TO: Surgeon, 2677th Regiment OSS (Prov)

A. Patriot Groups Medical Needs

This topic was covered completely by [REDACTED] including number of men and amount of medical supplies needed to care for them. These groups are in desperate need of medical supplies. Up to the present date these supplies have been dropped to them only on specific request in extremely small quantities. In order to remedy this situation [REDACTED] outlined a plan that gave each patriot band basic medical supplies based upon information from the 5th Army Detachment, the Patriots, and from [REDACTED] Medical and SI officer at Company D.

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The number of Patriots would be approximately 500 new men each week. The medical supplies to these groups would be divided into A and B medical kits. A kit would consist of First Aid Packet containing 1 Carlisle dressing, 1 package of wound tablets (Sulfa Diamine). Each individual Patriot would carry this on his person and therefore 500 First Aid kits needed weekly. Kit B would be a reserve medical pool for 50 to 100 men, necessitating 5 to 10 kit B's weekly and consisting of the following basic drugs: Quinine, Atabrine (Sulfa drugs), Iodine, Gauze, Adhesive, Sedatives, Morphine, Insecticide, Frasier Solution. The reason the above particular drugs were chosen was due to the fact that returning Patriots were found to be suffering from body lice, wounds, and Venereal diseases. The need for gauze and antiseptic was urgent and obvious. Wounded men must be cared for by the Patriots themselves in order to avoid suspicion. Sick men can filter back to town and be treated by Italian doctors without arousing undue suspicion. The above plan is medically sound and wholeheartedly concurred with by [REDACTED]

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B. Medical Storage for Forward Areas

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The above mentioned kits would be prepared at the main supply source. [REDACTED] The preparations would consist of packing 500 individual A kits and 5 to 10 B kits to be sent weekly to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] B kit would be packed in such a manner that it could be dropped by plane if necessary; it should be properly marked in Italian. [REDACTED] should keep a two weeks supply on hand. Any further change in amount would immediately be taken in consideration by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would be notified.

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The above scheme would eliminate the need of a storage room at [REDACTED] which would necessitate extra help and responsibility which at the moment is impossible to secure.

C. Local Medical Needs

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A dispensary has been in operation for the last month under the supervision of [REDACTED] and Technician [REDACTED]

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It is adequate in personnel and equipment due to the fact that sick call is small and adequately cared for by Captain [REDACTED] has very little medical work except for emergencies that may arise and sanitary inspection. At present he is being used as official messenger.

An inspection of the mess and the sanitary conditions at Company D showed excellent, well planned facilities, proving that sanitation can be kept at highest peak by careful planning of sanitary set-ups. Company D could easily be used as a model for future detachments.

D. Medical Intelligence

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Up to the present date small amount of this type of intelligence has been obtained. [REDACTED] has on various occasions been in contact with G-2 and General Martin, Chief Surgeon, 5th Army. Medical questions have been sent out, but the whole question of Medical Intelligence was not quite clear to G-2 and to General Martin. [REDACTED] requested a directive be sent to him in triplicate with complete details. For future Medical Intelligence it was felt that the best solution would be for a medical officer to enter a fallen city on his own, without being a member of a City Team. He would enter and leave as he saw fit, passing on to the next city. Following this plan of action, I

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suggest [REDACTED], who has the necessary background and willingness to obtain valuable and urgent Medical Intelligence. He should be given the authority to do so.

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E. Medical Supply Units (UNAFRA MEDICAL PACKS)

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[REDACTED] feels that at least ten such Units could be used if available. They would also be sent to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] and his cooperation would be given as to distribution of the Units. If need be they could be minus Surgical instruments and critical items.

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F. Conclusion

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[REDACTED] was very cooperative and had a complete grasp of the medical operational needs. His plan was very complete and covered the basic needs of the Patriots. I feel everything should be done in our power to put into effect the main medical plans as this would do much to alleviate the desperate needs of the Patriots.

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